COATS & CLARK

FREE LEAFLET W.985

Fashion Fancies to knit and crochet

MIDRIFF

Directions are given for Small Size. Changes for Medium and Large Sizes are in parentheses.

COATS & CLARK'S "RED HEART"® KNITTING WORSTED, 4 Ply ("Tangle-Proof" Pull-Out Skeins): 8 (9, 10) ounces of No. 757 Wild Rose and 1 ounce of No. 442 Cranberry for each size.

Knitting Needles, 1 pair No. 4 and No. 6.

GAUGE: With No. 6 needles—
13 sts = 2 inches;
13 rows = 2 inches.

Be sure to check your gauge before starting midriff. Use any size needles which will obtain the stitch gauge above.

BLOCKING MEASUREMENTS			
SIZES	**Small**	**Medium**	**Large**
Body Bust Size *(In Inches)*	30-31½	32½-34	36
Actual Knitting Measurements			
Bust	31½	34	36
Width across back or front at underarm	15¾	17	18
Length from shoulder to lower edge	13	14	15
Length of side seam (excluding armband)	5½	6	6½

SHOULDER BAG

COATS & CLARK'S "RED HEART"® KNITTING WORSTED, 4 Ply ("Tangle-Proof" Pull-Out Skeins): 8 ounces.

Crochet Hook, Size G.

Fabric for lining; 2 brass rings.

26 barrel beads (large hole).

GAUGE: 3 sc = 1 inch; 2 rows = 1 inch.

Be sure to check your gauge before starting bag. Use any size hook which will obtain the stitch gauge above.

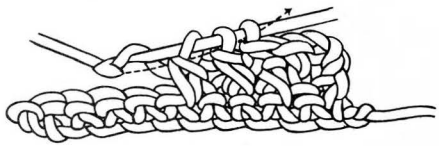
Starting at flap edge, ch 31 having 3 ch sts to 1 inch. **1st row:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—30 sc. Ch 3, turn. **2nd row:** Skip first 2 sc, dc in next sc, * *holding back on hook the last loop of each dc, dc in the sc preceding last dc made, dc in next free sc (see Figure), yarn over and draw through all loops on hook*—**joint cross st made.** Repeat from * across, dc in last sc used. Ch 1, turn. **3rd row:** Sc in each dc across, sc in top of turning chain—30 sc. Ch 3, turn. Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows alternately until total length is 27 inches, ending with an sc row. Ch 1, **do not turn.** Now work as follows: Making 3 sc in each of the 4 corners, sc evenly around all 4 edges, being careful to have the same number of sts on each corresponding side. Join with sl st to first sc. Break off and fasten.

Leaving 5 inches free for flap, fold remaining length in half and pin side edges together for seams. Attach yarn to lower end of right seam and working through both thicknesses, sl st evenly to opposite end of seam. Break off and fasten. Work other seam to correspond.

Line bag. Sew 1 ring to top edge of each seam.

Fringe: Cut 6 strands, each 20 inches long. Double these strands to form a loop. With right side facing, insert hook from back to front in a corner sc of flap. Draw loose ends through loop and pull up tightly to form a knot. Make 8 more 6-strand knots as before, evenly spaced along edge of flap as shown. Pick up first 6 strands of first knot and make a knot 1 inch down from previous knot, * pick up remaining strands of previous knot and 6 strands of next knot and make a knot 1 inch down in center between 2 previous knots. Repeat from * across. Slide 1 bead over strands below each knot as shown.

Strap: Cut 22 strands, each 40 inches long. Holding all strands together to form strap, slide 16 beads onto strands. Bring ends of strap through rings. Leaving 1 bead at each side of ring, turn ends of strap up for 1½ inches. Secure these ends by winding a separate double strand around. Distribute beads evenly spaced on strap.



MIDRIFF

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BACK Starting at lower edge with No. 4 needles and Cranberry, cast on 93 (101, 107) sts. Work in ribbing as follows: **1st row—right side:** K 1, * p 1, k 1. Repeat from * across. Break off Cranberry, attach Rose. **2nd row:** With Rose, purl across. **3rd row:** With Rose, repeat first row. **4th row:** P 1, * k 1, p 1. Repeat from * across. **Next 2 rows:** Repeat first and 4th rows. Change to No. 6 needles and work in pattern as follows: **1st row—right side:** P 1 (2, 2), * k 1, p 2. Repeat from * across, ending Small Size only with p 1 instead of p 2. **2nd row:** K 1 (2, 2), * p 1, k 2. Repeat from * across, ending Small Size only with k 1 instead of k 2. Repeat last 2 rows alternately for pattern. Work in pattern until total length is 1½ inches. Keeping in pattern, inc one st at both ends of next row and every 5th row thereafter 4 times more. Work even in pattern over 103 (111, 117) sts until total length is 5½ (6, 6½) inches, ending with a wrong-side row.

Armhole Shaping: Keeping in pattern, bind off 7 sts at beg of next 2 rows; bind off 2 sts at beg of next 2 (4, 4) rows; then dec one st at both ends of every other row 6 (6, 7) times. Work even over remaining 73 (77, 81) sts until length from first row of armhole shaping is 7½ (8, 8½) inches.

Shoulder Shaping: Bind off 5 sts at beg of next 4 (6, 4) rows; bind off 4 (—, 6) sts at beg of next 2 (—, 2) rows. Place remaining 45 (47, 49) sts on a stitch holder to be worked later for back of neck.

FRONT Work same as Back to within Armhole Shaping.

Armhole and Neck Shaping: 1st row: Bind off 7 sts, work in pattern until there are 44 (48, 51) sts on right-hand needle. Place remaining 52 (56, 59) sts on a stitch holder to be worked later. Working over the sts on needle only, continue as follows: Decreasing one st at neck edge on every other row, bind off 2 sts at armhole edge every other row 1 (2, 2) times; then dec one st at armhole edge every other row 6 (6, 7) times. Continue decreases at neck edge on every other row until 14 (15, 16) sts remain, then work even in pattern until length from first row of armhole shaping is 7½ (8, 8½) inches, ending at armhole edge.

Shoulder Shaping: 1st row: Bind off 5 sts, complete row. **2nd row:** Work across. Repeat last 2 rows once more. Bind off remaining sts.

Slip sts from stitch holder onto a No. 6 needle. Attach yarn at neck edge. Bind off first st (center st) and work other side to correspond, reversing shapings.

Sew left shoulder seam.

NECKBAND With right side facing, No. 4 needle and Rose, work in pattern across the sts on back stitch holder, pick up and k 43 (47, 51) sts along left neck edge, place a marker on needle, pick up and k one st at center front, place a marker on needle, pick up and k 42 (46, 50) sts along right neck edge. There are on needle 131 (141, 151) sts. Work in ribbing as follows: **1st row—wrong side:** P 1, * k 1, p 1. Slipping markers, repeat from * across. **2nd row:** * K 1, p 1. Repeat from * across to within 2 sts before next marker, p 2 tog, slip marker, k 1—center st; slip marker, p 2 tog, complete row in ribbing as established. Always slip markers. **3rd row:** Work in ribbing to within center st, p 1, complete row in ribbing. **4th row:** Repeat 2nd row. Break off Rose, attach Cranberry. **5th row:** With Cranberry, purl. **6th row:** With Cranberry, repeat 2nd row. Bind off loosely in ribbing.

Sew right shoulder seam.

Armbands: With right side facing, No. 4 needle and Rose, pick up and k 75 (81, 87) sts along armhole edge. **1st row:** P 1, * k 1, p 1. Repeat from * across. **2nd row:** K 1, * p 1, k 1. Repeat from * across. Repeat last 2 rows once more. Break off Rose, attach Cranberry. **5th row:** With Cranberry, purl. **6th row:** Repeat 2nd row. Bind off loosely in ribbing.

Block to measurements. Sew side seams.

ABBREVIATIONS

k ..... knit
p ..... purl
inc ..... increase
dec ..... decrease
tog ..... together
beg ..... beginning
st(s) ..... stitch(es)
ch ..... chain
sc ..... single crochet
dc ..... double crochet
sl st ..... slip stitch

* Repeat whatever follows the * as many times as specified.

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